



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado continued to receive moisture throughout the week, mostly in the form of snow. This has put precipitation amounts above normal for the southern and western regions while the rest of the state still experienced below normal moisture levels. Temperatures were below average all over Colorado during the week. The west slope areas received multiple days of below freezing temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 104 percent of the average, up from last week's 99 percent. Farmers were allowed 3.5 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	33	55	4
Last Week	14	40	42	4
Last Year	17	30	48	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	39	42	3
Last Week	15	42	42	1
Last Year	14	32	49	5

Field Crops: The winter wheat crop was reported being 8 percent pastured and 9 percent jointed last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 21 percent seeded and 3 percent emerged by week's end. Spring wheat was 17 percent planted and 4 percent emerged. Dry onions were 35 percent planted, 7 percent below the 5 year average. Sugarbeets were 11 percent planted and summer potatoes were 2 percent planted, 3 percent below the 5 year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 05, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	11	34	43	10
Last Year	4	12	34	44	6

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State.

Livestock: Sixty-nine percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 59 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep are rated average. Stored feed supplies are rated slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 05, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	12	36	36	16	0
Prev. Year - 2008	7	23	47	22	1
5-Year Avg.	8	24	42	24	2

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	69	67
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	59	60

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 05, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	8	13	6	3
Jointed	9	2	6	8
Spring Barley				
Seeded	21	18	21	24
Emerged	3	1	5	8
Spring Wheat				
Planted	17	12	14	14
Emerged	4	1	4	4
Sugarbeets				
Planted	11	7	7	15
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	2	0	3	5
Dry Onions				
Planted	35	27	34	42

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	19	68	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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